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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

STATEMENT BY RONALD L. ZIEGLER

"A United States-Democratic Republic of Vietnam Joint Economic Commission has been established and will meet in Paris, beginning March 15, 1973. The Commission consists of the following members:

For the United States: Maurice Williams, John Mossler, Donald E. Syvrud.

For the Democratic Republic of Vietnam: Dang Viet Chau, Nguyen Co Thach, LeKhac.

The members will be supported by such staff as each delegation considers appropriate to its needs."

Maurice Williams is Deputy Administrator of A.I.D. John Mossler is an A.I.D. official who until recently was Chief of our A.I.D. mission in Saigon. Donald Syvrud is Special Assistant to the Secretary for International Affairs, Department of Treasury.

The titles and positions of the DRV members are: Chau is DRV Minister of Finance: Thach is Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Khac is Deputy Chairman of the DRV State Planning Commission.

The U.S. Commission will use office space currently used by our Paris Vietnam Delegation and will have the same diplomatic status as the Vietnam Delegations. The initial meetings of the Commission will be held at the Hotel Majestic Conference site on Avenue Kleber.

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